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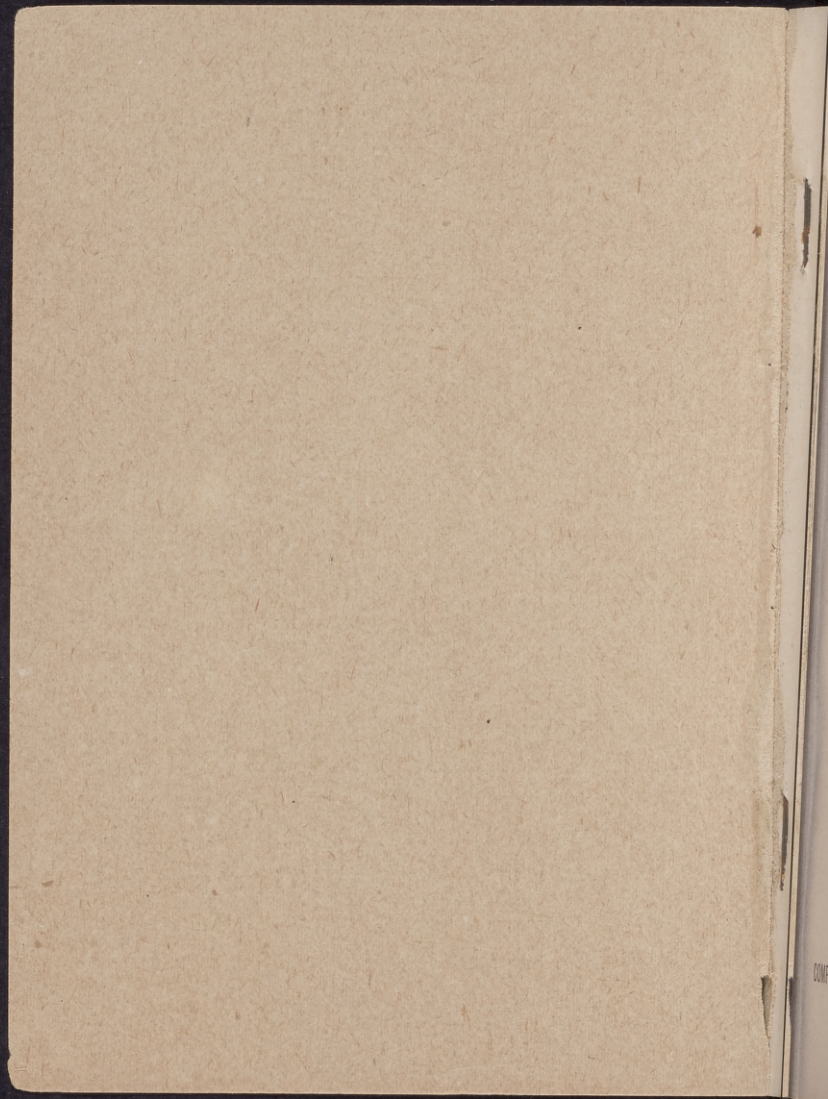
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CODE OF LAWS.

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

COMPOSITION, AUTHORITY AND TERRITORY OF.

SECTION 1. A Subordinate Lodge * * * shall consist of not less than ten members * * * ; it shall have and exercise subordinate Pythian authority and control over such territory as may be prescribed by law. (Art. XI, Sec. 1, Supreme Constitution.)

STATED CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 2. The stated conventions of a Subordinate Lodge shall be held once a week at the place and on the day appointed, and shall not be changed without the approval of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Chancellor. The day, place and hour of convening shall be prescribed in the By-Laws; provided, that the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Chancellor during recess, may, by a regular dispensation, allow a Lodge to meet at longer intervals, to be therein specified. (Sec. 280, Grand Statutes.)

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 3. Special conventions may be held at such times as the business of the Lodge may require. Such conventions may be called by the Chancellor Commander at his own discretion, and he must call a special convention whenever requested to do so, in writing, by five members of the Lodge; such special convention may also be provided for by a vote of the Lodge at any previous convention. The call or resolution providing for such special convention must specify the business to be considered, and the Lodge shall be confined to that business alone, at such convention. (Sec. 281, Grand Statutes.)

NO CONVENTIONS ON SUNDAY.

SEC. 4. No meeting for the transaction of business or work shall be held, and no excursion or en-

tainment shall be had, by a Subordinate Lodge, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday. (Art. XI, Sec. 5, Supreme Constitution.)

QUORUM AT CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 5. Not less than seven members of a Lodge shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including one qualified to preside. (Sec. 282, Grand Statutes.)

PRESIDING OFFICER AT CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 6. The Chancellor Commander is the executive officer of a Subordinate Lodge, and in addition to his duties as such, it shall be his duty to preside at all the conventions of his Lodge. In the event of his absence at the time fixed by law for calling a convention to order, or in case he is present at that time and fails or refuses to call the Lodge to order within fifteen minutes of the time fixed by law for opening of the Lodge, and a quorum is present, the Vice Chancellor shall take the chair and perform, for the time being, the duties of Chancellor Commander. If both of these officers are absent, or are present and neglect or refuse to preside, the members present shall proceed to select, by vote, some one from among themselves to preside, voting first upon the Past Chancellors, and in case of failure to secure a presiding officer from among them, then upon those who have received the Rank of Knight. The person so selected to preside, shall have, while in the chair, the same power to conduct the business of the Lodge and to preside while the ranks are being conferred, that is devolved by the law upon a Chancellor Commander. (Sec. 307, Supreme Statutes.)

TRANSACTION OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 7. All Lodge business shall be transacted when open in the Knight Rank, except the actual conferring of the Page or Esquire Ranks. (Sec. 283, Grand Statutes.)

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SEC. 8. The following shall be the Order of Business in a Subordinate Lodge, and may be transposed by the Chancellor Commander or by vote of the Lodge, after passing Order No. 6:

1. Opening ceremonies.
2. Calling the roll of officers.
3. Reading the minutes of the last regular or special convention.
4. Reading official communications.
5. Report of the Visiting Committee.
6. Does any brother know of a Knight, or a family of a Knight in distress?
7. Does any brother know of employment for an unemployed brother?
8. Presentation and reference of bills.
9. Reading and referring of petitions for membership.
10. Second reading of petitions, report of Investigating Committees thereon and balloting.
11. Absentees of previous conventions.
12. Does any member desire insurance in the Endowment Rank?
13. Payment of Dues to the Master of Finance.
14. Reports of Committees.
15. Communications and notices.
16. Reports of Trustees.
17. Unfinished Business.
18. New Business.
19. Good of the Order.
20. Nominations for office and elections.
21. Initiation and conferring of Ranks.
22. Announcement of disbursements in detail by the Keeper of Records and Seal.
23. Report of Master of Finance.
24. Closing in due form.
25. Counting of the rituals by the Master-at-Arms and his report to the Chancellor Commander.
(Sec. 432, Grand Statutes.)

MUST DISPLAY CHARTER.

SEC. 9. Each Subordinate Lodge shall display its warrant or charter in the Lodge-room whenever in session. (Art. XI, Sec. 4, Supreme Constitution.)

SEC. 9a. No meeting of a Subordinate Lodge shall be legal unless its warrant or charter be displayed in the manner required by the Supreme Constitution. The flag of the country in which such Lodge is located should also be displayed therein. (Sec. 317, Supreme Statutes,)

[REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 10. Each Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled to one Grand Representative for its Charter, and one for each one hundred members or a fraction thereof over fifty members, as shown by the last semi-annual report to the Grand Lodge. Each Subordinate Lodge shall also be entitled to elect an Alternate Representative for each Grand Representative, which said Alternate Representative shall act in the place and stead of the Grand Representative for whom he was elected as Alternate, in case of the absence or inability of such Grand Representative to be present, and when so acting, such Alternate Representative shall be known as a Grand Representative, and shall have all the rights and privileges of any other Grand Representative. (Art. IV, Sec. 4, Grand Constitution.)

OFFICERS.

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

SEC. 15. The officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall consist of the ritualistic officers as provided in the Ritual, who shall be elected semi-annually, by separate ballots, at the first regular convention in June and December. (Sec. 288, Grand Statutes.)

ELIGIBILITY FOR.

SEC. 16. Any Knight in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the

Lodge of which he is a member, but no member shall hold two offices in a Subordinate Lodge simultaneously; provided, that a Lodge may, by By-Law, prescribe that the duties of Master of Finance shall be performed by the Keeper of Records and Seal. (Sec. 233, Supreme Statutes.)

NOMINATIONS OF.

SEC. 17. Nominations of candidates for an elective office of a Subordinate Lodge may be made at any time prior to the balloting for such candidates. (Sec. 234, Supreme Statutes.)

ELECTION BY BALLOT.

SEC. 18. All elective officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be separately elected by majority vote upon written ballot. (Sec. 235, Supreme Statutes.)

FORM FOR BALLOTING.

SEC. 19. When an election is to be held for any officer or officers in a Lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall appoint two members as tellers. The Knights entitled to vote shall then be counted, and their number noted. When the poll has been declared open, each qualified Knight shall deposit his ballot. After collecting and counting the ballots, should it appear that a greater number of votes were cast than there were legally qualified Knights voting, and that such excess of votes equals or exceeds the majority which the successful candidate received, then the Chancellor Commander shall declare the ballot illegal and void, and direct that another be taken immediately. Otherwise the result shall be declared as shown by such ballot. (Sec. 294, Grand Statutes.)

DROPPING CANDIDATES.

SEC 20. In cases where there are three or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom has received a majority of the votes polled on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and so on in each succeeding ballot until an election is had, except in case of a tie

vote occurring on the two candidates next to the highest, when it shall be confined to the three highest. (Sec. 295, Grand Statutes.)

CREATION OF VACANCIES.

SEC. 21. Whenever an officer absents himself from the Lodge for four consecutive conventions without leave of absence, his office may be declared vacant by a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Lodge present; provided, however, that a resolution, in writing, declaring such office vacant, must first be presented to the Lodge in open meeting, and lie over at least one week before action thereon, and notice thereof, in writing, given to such officer by the Keeper of Records and Seal of the Lodge, such notice to be given personally or by registered letter addressed to him at his last recorded post office address. (Sec. 308, Grand Statutes.)

FILLING OF VACANCIES.

SEC. 22. Vacancies in office, by whatsoever cause produced, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection, and such officers shall be installed at the earliest convenience of the Lodge and of the installing officer. Officers so chosen and installed shall hold office for the remainder of the official term, and shall, upon the installation of their successors, or upon installation as their own successors, and not otherwise, be deemed to have served the full term, and in the case of the Chancellor Commander shall be entitled to the honor of Past Chancellor. (Sec. 238, Supreme Statutes.)

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 23. Except as herein provided, all officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be installed at the first stated convention of the term for which they are to serve; provided, that all requirements of the Grand Lodge relative thereto have been complied with, and provided, also, that no such officer shall be installed unless he be in good standing, and has fully paid to

his Lodge all dues and claims of whatsoever nature then accrued. If any officer-elect shall be disqualified for installation, or shall be absent at the time designated for installation, the installing officer, unless such absence be excused by formal vote of the Lodge, shall declare a vacancy in the office, which vacancy shall at once be filled by election. No officer shall assume the duties of his office until he has been regularly installed. Any officer-elect, who may be absent from the regular installation, and whose absence shall be excused by his Lodge, may be installed at a subsequent convention at the convenience of the Lodge and of the installing officer. Should the installation for any cause not be held at the convention herein designated, then it shall take place at the earliest convention thereafter which the convenience of the Lodge and of the installing officer will allow, but in such case the Keeper of Records and Seal shall notify all officers-elect to be present at such convention. All installations of the officers of a Subordinate Lodge shall be by authority of the Supreme Lodge or of its Grand Lodge, and shall be conducted by the Supreme Chancellor or the Grand Chancellor, or by a deputy duly commissioned therefor by such authority, and only in the manner and form prescribed by the Supreme Lodge in the installation service established for Subordinate Lodges. (Sec. 237, Supreme Statutes.)

TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 24. Each Subordinate Lodge, unless a different provision is made in its By-Laws, shall elect, annually, by ballot, at the first regular convention in December, one Trustee to serve for three years; provided, that at the first election hereinunder, and at the institution of new Lodges, there shall be elected three Trustees, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years, unless the By-Laws make a different provision therefor. (Sec. 289, Grand Statutes.)

HONORS OF THE ORDER.

SEC. 25. The honors of the Order shall be * *
* * Past Chancellor, which shall be attained, upon the installation of his successor, by every Chancellor Commander who shall have served to the end of his official term; and, at the institution of a new Subordinate Lodge, by the four members thereof who shall have been chosen by the Lodge to receive that honor. (Art. V, Sec. 1, Par. 5, Supreme Constitution.)

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

CHANCELLOR COMMANDER.

SEC. 30. The Chancellor Commander shall preside at all conventions of the Lodge and preserve order and decorum therein; appoint all appointive officers and a majority of all committees unless otherwise ordered by the Lodge; appoint officers in case of the temporary absence or disqualification of any officer; sign all orders on the Master of Exchequer which are ordered by the Lodge and all other papers which require his signature to authenticate; enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the Lodge and of the Supreme and Grand Lodge, together with the unwritten work of the Order, and prevent innovations in the Lodge; he shall never allow the Lodge to be opened unless he is satisfied that none are present but qualified members; announce the result of all ballots and votes of the Lodge; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge or the laws of the Order or the By-Laws of the Lodge. It shall also be his duty to see that the per capita tax of the Lodge has been paid into the hands of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of the Grand Lodge or the installing officer, before the installation of officers for the succeeding term. (Sec. 300, Grand Statutes.)

RELATIVE TO WARRANTS AND CHARTERS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 31. When a Lodge is suspended or dissolved, or its warrant or charter arrested, it shall be the duty of its last Chancellor Commander, or of its senior officer, to deliver to the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy, the warrant or charter, its books, jewels, funds, emblems, regalia and all other property and effects. (Sec. 359, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 32. When a Lodge is suspended, or its warrant or charter arrested, the warrant or charter, its books, jewels, funds, paraphernalia and all other property and effects at once revert to this Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander, the Trustees, or other officer or officers of such Lodge, in custody thereof, to deliver to the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy the warrant or charter of said Lodge, and said other property and effects, together with all papers and writings relative to or affecting the title thereof. (Sec. 364, Grand Statutes.)

VICE CHANCELLOR.

SEC. 33. The Vice Chancellor shall assist the Chancellor Commander in preserving order and decorum in the Lodge; assist him in conducting the ritualistic ceremonies of the Lodge; preside in the absence of the Chancellor Commander, and perform, in such case, all the duties of the Chancellor Commander; appoint a minority of all committees not otherwise ordered; have charge of the inner door, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. (Sec. 301, Grand Statutes.)

PRELATE.

SEC. 34. The Prelate shall assist in the ceremonies of the several ranks, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. (Sec. 302, Grand Statutes.)

KEEPER OF RECORDS AND SEAL.

SEC. 35. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall keep a just and true record of all the proceedings of the Lodge; make semi-annual returns to the Grand Lodge upon forms to be furnished for that purpose; notify the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal of all rejections of applicants for membership, and of the suspension and reinstatement of members, monthly; take charge of the seal of the Lodge and all correspondence and the records of the Lodge. He shall enter in the Black Book the names of all suspended and reinstated members, and all rejected candidates for membership, as they are received from the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, and, at the end of each term, make out and present to the Lodge, at the first convention of the ensuing term, and prior to the installation of officers for such term, a semi-annual report and returns in such form and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may require, and deliver a duplicate of such report and returns, properly attested, together with a proper warrant for the per capita tax (if the same has not already been paid to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal) to the installing officer before the ceremony of the installation; deliver over to his successor, when installed, all books, papers and property belonging to the Lodge, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. (Sec. 303, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 36. Whenever a member of a Subordinate Lodge shall be declared expelled from the Order or suspended from membership therein, for any cause, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such Lodge immediately to forward to the Board of Control of the Endowment Rank a notice of such expulsion or suspension, signed by him, and attested by the Chancellor Commander, over the seal of the Lodge. Said notice shall give the name in

full, legibly written, of the member expelled or suspended, and the cause for which he was expelled or suspended; and, in case the suspension is for a definite period, the notice shall state the length thereof. (Sec. 308, Supreme Statutes.)

MASTER OF FINANCE.

SEC. 37. The Master of Finance shall keep the accounts between the Lodge and its members and the accounts of the Lodge, and deliver the same over to his successor when installed, promptly collect the dues of the members of his Lodge, receive and receipt for all moneys paid to the Lodge, and pay the same immediately over to the Master of Exchequer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall, at the end of each term, furnish to the Keeper of Records and Seal a list of all delinquent members, and a list of all Past Chancellors not entitled to seats in the Grand Lodge, and make out at the end of each term, and present to the Keeper of Records and Seal a semi-annual report, and present a similar report to the Lodge at the first convention of the ensuing term, prior to the installation of the officers for such term; and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. He shall receive such compensation for his services, either salary or commission, or both, as the By-Laws of the Lodge may provide, and shall give bonds in such sum as the Lodge may require, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. (Sec. 304, Grand Statutes.)

MASTER OF EXCHEQUER.

SEC. 38. The Master of Exchequer shall receive all moneys collected by the Master of Finance, and give his receipt therefor; keep an exact and true account of all moneys so received, and of all disbursements by the Lodge, which shall be entered in a book kept for that purpose; he shall make no dis-

bursements unless authorized so to do by the Lodge, under a proper warrant signed by the Chancellor Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal and under the seal of the Lodge; he shall, at the end of each term, make out and present to the Keeper of Records and Seal a semi-annual report and present a similar report to the Lodge at the first convention of the ensuing term, prior to the installation of the officers for such term; on the installation of his successor he shall deliver to him all moneys, books and accounts in his possession belonging to the Lodge or under his control; and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. He shall give a bond in such sum as the Lodge may require, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties. (Sec. 305, Grand Statutes.)

MASTER-AT-ARMS.

SEC. 39. The Master-at-Arms shall have charge of the properties and paraphernalia of the Lodge and be responsible for the safe-keeping thereof; and perform the duties laid down in the Ritual, and such other duties as may be required by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. (Sec. 306, Grand Statutes.)

INNER AND OUTER GUARDS.

SEC. 40. The Inner and Outer Guards shall perform such duties as are required by the Ritual of the Order, or by the Lodge, or the laws of the Order, or the By-Laws of the Lodge. (Sec. 307, Grand Statutes.)

MEMBERSHIP.

PERSONAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR.

SEC. 45. An applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood must possess the following qualifications:

Par. 1. He must be a white male.

Par. 2. He must be of good moral character.

Par. 3. He must be not less than twenty-one and not more than fifty years of age, except that a person more than fifty years of age may become eligible by dispensation.

Par. 4. He must be a believer in a Supreme Being.

Par. 5. He must be in good health and sound in mind and body, except that a maimed person may become eligible by dispensation.

Par. 6. He must be able to read and write.

Par. 7. He must not be engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bartender, or retail dealer in spiritous liquors, wine, ale, or beer (except as a *bona fide* hotel-keeper or druggist).

Par. 8. He must believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which he lives.

Par. 9. He must not have been rejected by any Subordinate Lodge as an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood within the six months preceding his application. (Sec. 240, Supreme Statutes.)

RESIDENCE QUALIFICATION.

SEC. 46. Any person eligible under the provisions of the preceding section may make application for the Ranks of Knighthood to any Subordinate Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his actual residence; provided, that he shall have resided within the Domain for the preceding six months. (Sec. 241, Supreme Statutes.)

SEC. 47. *Par. 1.* If a person desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge other than the one in whose territorial jurisdiction he resides, but in the same Grand Domain, such application must be accompanied by the permission of a Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his residence.

Par. 2. If a person desires to apply to a Subordinate Lodge in a Grand Domain other than the one

in which he resides, or to a Subordinate Lodge not within a Grand Domain, than his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain within which he resides.

Par. 3. If a resident of territory not within a Grand Domain, but in a different State, territory, province or country from that in which the Lodge to which he desires to apply is located, then his application must be accompanied by the permission of the Supreme Chancellor. (Sec. 242, Supreme Statutes.)

FORM OF APPLICATION.

SEC. 48. The application shall state the age, race, residence and occupation of the applicant, and shall aver that he is in all respects eligible to admission under the provisions of the Supreme Law, and shall be in form as follows:

PETITION FOR THE RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

To.....Lodge, No....

Knights of Pythias, of.....

I respectfully apply for the Ranks of Knighthood and for membership in your Lodge and in the Order of Knights of Pythias. I declare upon honor that I am a white male; that I am of good moral character; that I was.....years of age on the.....day of.....last past; that I am a believer in a Supreme Being; that I am in good health and sound in mind and body; that I am able to read and write; that I am not engaged in either of the occupations known as professional gambler, saloon-keeper, bartender or retail dealer in spirituous liquors, wine, ale or beer (except as a *bona fide* hotel-keeper or druggist); that I believe in the maintenance of order and the upholding of constituted authority in the government in which I live; and that I have not been rejected as an applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood within the six months preceding the date of this application.

I have been an actual and *bona fide* resident of this state [territory, district, province] continuously during the past six months.

My occupation is; place of business, ...; post office address, ...; residence, ...

If this application be granted, I promise a full and faithful observance of all the laws that may govern your Lodge and the Order.

I have carefully read the law as printed on the back hereof.

The fee of \$. accompanies this application.

Written and signed by my own hand this day of, 18.....

(Signed)

On the back of this application shall be printed the section of this chapter prescribing the qualifications of membership. (Sec. 243, Supreme Statutes.)

METHOD OF APPLICATION.

SEC. 49. Such application shall be signed in the applicant's own handwriting, and endorsed by two members of the Lodge in good standing, who have attained the Rank of Knight, and must be accompanied by the prescribed fee. If the Lodge so require, such application must be accompanied by the certificate of a physician, approved by the Lodge, as to the health of the applicant. Except as provided in this and the preceding sections, no application for the Ranks of Knighthood shall be received or considered by a Lodge of the Order. (Sec. 244, Supreme Statutes.)

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 50. Such application may be received at any stated convention of the Lodge, and shall be referred to an Investigating Committee of three members who have attained the Rank of Knight, neither of whom shall have recommended the applicant. The committee shall take such measures as they may deem

needful, or as may be directed by law, to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of the applicant for the Ranks of Knighthood, and shall report to the Lodge at a subsequent stated convention, except as otherwise authorized by dispensation, with recommendation for the acceptance or rejection of the applicant. (Sec. 245, Supreme Statutes.)

BALLOT ON APPLICATION.

SEC. 51. Upon the report of the Investigating Committee, whether favorable or otherwise, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot, Should all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one of them be a black ball, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but should three or more black balls appear, he shall be declared rejected. In case only two black balls appear upon the first ballot, the ballot must be renewed immediately, and if upon the second ballot all the ballots cast be white, or not more than one black ball appear, the applicant shall be declared elected to receive all the Ranks of Knighthood; but if two or more black balls appear upon the second ballot, the applicant shall be declared rejected. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section. (Sec. 246, Supreme Statutes.)

SEC. 52. A Subordinate Lodge shall not ballot upon an application for the Ranks of Knighthood at the same convention at which it was received, except upon written dispensation therefor. (Sec. 255, Supreme Statutes.)

INSPECTION OF BALLOT.

SEC. 53. When a ballot, either for membership by initiation, by card or for reinstatement, is about to be taken, the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Master-at-Arms, you will prepare the ballot box." When prepared, the Master-at-Arms will present the ballot box to the Chancellor Commander for his in-

spection. When satisfied with the condition of the box, the Chancellor Commander shall deposit his ballot. The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Master-at-Arms, you will deposit the ballot box on the altar." The Chancellor Commander shall then say: "Brothers, the ballot is for the election or rejection of, who is an applicant for membership by initiation (or 'by card' or 'by reinstatement,' as the case may be). White balls elect and black balls reject. You will proceed to vote without giving any sign or salutation." At the proper time, the Chancellor Commander shall say: "Have all the members voted?" and, hearing no response, he will add: "The ballot is closed," and to the Master-at-Arms the Chancellor Commander will say: "You will collect the ballot." The Master-at-Arms will then carry the ballot box to the Vice Chancellor, who will inspect the ballot and announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is a legal one." If, however, less than seven ballots are found in the box, the Vice Chancellor shall announce: "Chancellor Commander, the ballot is not a legal one." In either case, the ballot box shall then be carried to the Chancellor Commander by the Master-at-Arms and, after inspection by the Chancellor Commander, he shall announce: "The report of the Vice Chancellor is confirmed, and I officially declare duly elected to membership in this Lodge by initiation" (or "by card" or "by reinstatement," as the case may be, or "rejected," as the case may be.) (Sec. 247, Supreme Statutes.)

RECONSIDERATION OF BALLOT.

SEC. 54. No ballot upon an application for the Ranks of Knighthood shall at any time be reconsidered or renewed, except as provided in Sections 246 and 248 of this chapter. (Sec. 249, Supreme Statutes.)

DISCUSSION OF BALLOT.

SEC. 55. No discussion of the result of a ballot or of the merits or demerits of the candidate shall be permitted at any time after such ballot, either in the Lodge or out of it; nor shall any member of the Lodge disclose, directly or indirectly, either the report of the Investigating Committee or the character of any vote supposed to have been cast upon such ballot. (Sec. 251, Supreme Statutes.)

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION.

SEC. 56. No application shall be withdrawn, except by consent of the Lodge, given by the vote of a majority of the members present, nor at all after the report of the Investigating Committee has been read to the Lodge. (Sec. 251, Supreme Statutes.)

RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

TIME TO ELAPSE BETWEEN.

SEC. 60. One week must elapse between the conferring of any two ranks upon the same person, except at the first four conventions of a new Lodge, and except as otherwise permitted by dispensation. (Sec. 253, Supreme Statutes.)

BY WHOM CONFERRED.

SEC. 61. The Chancellor Commander at his pleasure may call any Knight to the chair to assist in conferring any Rank of Knighthood; or by consent of the Lodge he may assign the work to a team organized or drilled for such work, a part or all of whom may be members of other Lodges; provided, that the Lodge shall remain under the control of its Chancellor Commander, or one of its officers legally qualified to preside. (Sec. 256, Supreme Statutes.)

ANOTHER LODGE MAY CONFER.

SEC. 62. A Subordinate Lodge may confer the Ranks of Esquire and Knight, or either of them, upon a member of the Order who has attained the

Rank of Page or Esquire in another Lodge, upon request of such other Lodge under seal. The Subordinate Lodge which shall have conferred a rank in accordance with this section shall immediately notify the Lodge which preferred the request therefor, of the date upon which such rank was conferred. Upon receipt of such notice, record thereof shall be made upon the books of the Lodge receiving it. (Sec. 252, Supreme Statutes).

OBJECTION TO CONFERRING.

SEC. 63. If, after the election of an applicant to receive the Ranks of Knighthood and before either of such ranks has been conferred upon him, two or more members of the Lodge shall file with the Chancellor Commander written objections to his admission, the Chancellor Commander, without disclosing the names of the objectors, shall announce such objections in open lodge, and such announcement shall be entered upon the records of the Lodge, whereupon the initiation of the candidate shall be stayed. Should the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them, within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon the records of the Lodge, and the stay of initiation shall be vacated, whereupon the candidate may receive the Ranks of Knighthood as if no objections had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, they shall operate as black balls, and at the first meeting after the expiration of such thirty days the Chancellor Commander shall declare the applicant rejected.

If similar objection to the advancement of a member who has not attained the Rank of Esquire or Knight be filed, the Chancellor Commander shall make like announcement, which shall be entered upon the records of the Lodge, and the advancement of the member shall be stayed. If the objections be withdrawn by the members filing them within thirty days thereafter, then such withdrawal shall be entered upon

the records of the Lodge, and the stay of advancement shall be vacated, whereupon the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained as if no objections had been filed. If the objections be not so withdrawn, then after the expiration of such thirty days, a secret ball ballot shall be taken in the manner provided in Sections 246 and 247 of this chapter, when if the result be favorable, the member may be advanced as if no objections had been filed; but, if the result of such ballot be unfavorable, all fees paid by the member for ranks not already attained by him shall be at once returned, and his advancement shall be permanently stayed; provided, that after six months from the date of such permanent stay, the member, if in good standing in the Lodge, may apply for advancement, accompanying his application with the amount of the fee then required by law, and such application shall be subject to investigation and ballot as provided in Sections 245 and 246 of this chapter, when, if the result be favorable, the permanent stay shall be vacated and the member shall receive the Ranks of Knighthood not already attained as if no objections had been filed; but, if the ballot be unfavorable, the Chancellor Commander shall declare the member rejected for advancement, and no other application for advancement shall be received from such member until the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection. (Sec. 248, Supreme Statutes.)

ROSTER.

SEC. 64. Every Subordinate Lodge in this Grand Domain shall have a book which shall be known as its "Roster of Knighthood," which shall have written or printed in the front part thereof an agreement to abide by all existing laws or such laws as may be subsequently adopted by either the Supreme Lodge, the Grand Lodge of California or this Subordinate Lodge, wherein every duly charged Knight shall sign

his name upon receiving the ranks of Knighthood, and upon affiliation by deposit of Supreme Lodge Card, Grand Lodge Card, Transfer Card or Withdrawal Card. (Sec. 328, Grand Statutes.)

DEPOSIT OF CARDS.

TRANSFER CARD.

SEC. 70. The holder of a Transfer Card may apply, subject to the provisions of Title IV, Chapter III, Sections 240, 241 and 242, Supreme Statutes, for membership to the Lodge to which such Transfer Card is addressed, and shall attach such Transfer Card to his application, and accompany the same with the application fee provided by law; provided, that if, under the provisions of said Chapter III, the permission of the Lodge of issue to make such application is required, then such Transfer Card shall be deemed and taken as such permission; and provided further, that the holder of such Transfer Card, making such application, shall not be required to state therein that he has been a resident for six months of the domain in which such application is made, as is required by Section 243 of the Supreme Statutes. (Sec. 271, Supreme Statutes.)

PROCEDURE ON APPLICATION.

SEC. 71. An application for membership by deposit of Transfer Card shall be subject to the investigation and ballot provided in Title IV, Chapter III, Sections 245 and 246, Supreme Statutes. If the applicant be elected, his membership in the Lodge of issue of such Transfer Card shall thereupon cease and determine, and his membership in the Lodge to which his application is made shall begin. The Keeper of Records and Seal of the Lodge of deposit shall at once address and forward by mail the coupon notice of such election to the Lodge issuing the

Transfer Card. Upon receipt of such notice by the Lodge of issue, it shall be read in open Lodge, and record thereof shall be made by the Keeper of Records and Seal and Master of Finance upon the books of the Lodge. If the application be rejected, the Transfer Card shall be filed in the Lodge in which it is deposited, and no similar application by that applicant shall be considered by that Lodge for ninety days thereafter. (Sec. 272, Supreme Statutes.)

WITHDRAWAL, SUPREME OR GRAND LODGE CARD.

PROCEDURE ON APPLICATION.

SEC. 75. Should the holder of a Withdrawal Card, a Grand Lodge Card, or a Supreme Lodge Card desire at any time to become affiliated with any Subordinate Lodge, he must make application to such Lodge in the manner provided in Title IV, Chapter III, Supreme Statutes, and attach his card to such application. All the provisions of said statute shall apply to such application, except that in case of rejection the Card shall be returned to the applicant, and except, also, that in such case the application may be renewed to the same or (subject to the provisions of said chapter) to a different Subordinate Lodge, after one month from the date of such rejection. If the applicant be elected, it shall be the duty of the Keeper of Records and Seal of such Lodge at once to notify the Lodge of issue thereof, and the membership of the applicant shall date from such election. (Sec. 284, Supreme Statutes.)

SUSPENSIONS.

FOR NON-PAYMENT OF ARREARAGES.

SEC. 80. When a member shall have become in arrears for dues, fines and assessments equal to the amount of one year's dues, the Master of Finance of his Lodge shall forthwith notify him by mail to his address as shown upon the books of the Lodge, that

he is so in arrears, and that, if such arrearages are not paid within thirty days after the date of such notice, he will be suspended from the Lodge and from the Order. The Master of Finance shall receive any payments which may be tendered to him in response to such notice, at any time prior to action of the Lodge thereon; provided, the amount so tendered shall at least equal three months' dues. If, at a convention of the Lodge held after the expiration of the time specified in such notice, the member so notified shall not have made payment of arrearages as hereinbefore provided, the Master of Finance shall notify the Lodge to that effect, and that the notice required by this section has been sent. The account of the member shall thereupon be read, when, if objection be made to the account, such objection shall be fully stated and hearing had before the Lodge. Immediately upon the reading of the account, or after the hearing thereon, if objection be made thereto, the question whether or not the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues shall be submitted to vote of the Lodge, and if the Lodge shall vote that the member is so in arrears, the Chancellor Commander shall thereupon declare him suspended from the Lodge and from the Order, and such suspension shall be entered upon the records of the Lodge; but such declaration by the Chancellor Commander shall in no case be made unless the notice herein required shall have been sent, nor unless the Lodge shall previously determine by formal vote that the member is in arrears for an amount equal to one year's dues, which facts must be made of record upon the books of the Lodge; provided, that the member shall not be so declared suspended if at the time he be under charges. (Sec. 262, Supreme Statutes.)

FOR PYTHIAN OFFENSES.

SEC. 81. The penalty of suspension from the Order for offenses against it may be either:

Par. 1. For a term fixed by the Lodge at the time of suspension, which shall be known as definite suspension; or

Par. 2. At the pleasure of the Lodge, which shall be known as indefinite suspension. (Sec. 297, Supreme Statutes.)

STATUS OF SUSPENDED MEMBER.

SEC. 82. A member who shall be suspended under the provisions of this chapter shall be known as a suspended member, and shall have no claim upon the Order, nor upon any Lodge thereof, nor upon any member of the Order, for any Pythian right, benefit or privilege whatsoever, until after he shall have been reinstated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues, fines or assessments during the period of his suspension. (Sec. 263, Supreme Statutes.)

Par. 2. A person who may be under suspension, either "definite" or "indefinite," shall have no claim upon the Order, nor upon any Lodge or member thereof, for any Pythian right, privilege or benefit whatsoever, until after his suspension shall have been terminated as provided by law. He shall not be chargeable with dues, fines or assessments during the period of his suspension. (Sec. 298, Supreme Statutes.)

TRIAL OF ANY SUSPENDED MEMBER.

SEC. 83. If any such suspended member shall commit an offense against the Order, charges may be preferred against him either in the Lodge by which he was suspended, or in any Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction the offense was committed; whereupon the person so charged shall be

summoned before such Lodge, and trial shall be had in the manner provided by law for offenders who are members of the Order. If he shall be convicted of the offence charged, the trial Lodge shall thereupon declare the offender expelled from the Order, and if such Lodge be other than that by which he was suspended, notice of its action shall be at once given that Lodge through the Keeper of Records and Seal. (Secs. 264, 299, Supreme Statutes.)

REINSTATEMENT.

AFTER SUSPENSION FOR ARREARAGES.

SEC. 85. A former member of the Order, who was suspended from membership in his Subordinate Lodge and in the Order for non-payment of arrearages, who desires to be restored to such membership, may make application therefor to the Subordinate Lodge by which he was so suspended. Such application shall be accompanied by such sum as the By-Laws of such Lodge may prescribe for reinstatement, which amount shall not be more than the amount of membership fee in said Lodge at the time of said application. (Sec. 293, Supreme Statutes.)

Par. 2. Such application shall be read in open Lodge, at a stated convention thereof, and referred to an Investigating Committee of three, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, and no further action shall be taken on such application by the Lodge for one week, and until the report of the Investigating Committee shall have been made to the Lodge. (Sec. 294, Supreme Statutes.)

Par. 3. Upon the report of the Investigating Committee, and subject to the restrictions of the preceding section, such application shall be balloted upon by secret ball ballot, as in the case of an application for the Ranks of Knighthood, except that, if two-thirds of all the balls deposited upon such

ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but should more than one-third of the balls deposited be black, the ballot shall be renewed immediately. Should two-thirds or more of the balls deposited on the second ballot be white, the applicant shall be declared reinstated; but should more than one-third of the balls be black, the applicant for reinstatement shall be declared rejected, and no further application for the reinstatement of the applicant so rejected shall be received by the Lodge for the period of six months after the date of such rejection. Cubes shall be deemed to be black balls within the meaning of this section. (Sec. 295, Supreme Statutes.)

Par. 4. A member of the Order who has been reinstated to membership as hereinbefore provided shall not be chargeable with any dues accrued during the period of his suspension, nor with any assessments imposed during such period. (Sec. 296, Supreme Statutes.)

AFTER SUSPENSION FOR PYTHIAN OFFENSES.

SEC. 86. A person under definite suspension shall, at the expiration of the term of such suspension, become and be reinstated to the standing held by him at the date of his suspension, without formal vote or action of the Lodge, and shall thereupon be subject to all the obligations and entitled to all the rights pertaining to such standing. (Sec. 300, Supreme Statutes.)

Par. 2. If a person who is under suspension, either definite or indefinite, shall desire reinstatement prior to the expiration of such suspension, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Domain in which the Lodge by which he was suspended is located, for permission to apply to such Lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the Lodge of his intention to make such

petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the Lodge by which he was suspended, for immediate reinstatement, and such Lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement, or may reduce the term of suspension; provided at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such Lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken, and provided that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such meeting, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof. (Sec. 301, Supreme Statutes.)

AFTER EXPULSION.

SEC. 87. If a member, who has been expelled, shall desire reinstatement, he may petition the Grand Chancellor of the grand domain in which the lodge by which he was expelled is located, for permission to apply to such lodge for reinstatement. He shall accompany such petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application, and by proof that he has notified the lodge of his intention to make such petition. If such petition be granted by the Grand Chancellor, the petitioner may thereupon make application to the lodge by which he was expelled for reinstatement, and such lodge may, after hearing, grant the application for reinstatement; provided, at least one week's notice has been given to every member of such lodge of the meeting at which action thereon will be taken; and, provided also, that not less than two-thirds of the members present at such convention, and entitled to vote, shall vote in favor thereof. (Sec. 354a, Supreme Statutes, 1898.)

Par. 2. When a lodge, by whose action a member has been expelled, becomes defunct, he may petition the Grand-Chancellor of the domain in which such defunct lodge was located for reinstatement to membership in the Order. He shall accompany such

petition with a full statement of the facts upon which he relies to justify his application; whereupon, the Grand Chancellor shall make such investigation as he may deem advisable and necessary as to the propriety of granting the petition, and shall submit the petition, together with the results of his investigation, to the Grand Lodge at its next convention. Should the Grand Lodge grant the petition by a two-thirds vote of the members present, the Grand Chancellor shall direct the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge Card, and shall cause to be endorsed on the back of the same a brief statement of the facts in the case. The fee for the issuance of the Grand Lodge Card shall be governed by the statutes of the domain providing for the issuance of Grand Lodge Cards. (Sec. 354b, Supreme Statutes, 1898.)

FEES.

FOR THE RANKS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

SEC. 95. The fees for the Ranks of Knighthood shall be not less than seven (7) dollars for the Rank of Page, nor less than four (4) dollars each for the Ranks of Esquire and Knight; provided, that any Lodge may, upon application to the Grand Chancellor, and in his discretion, receive a dispensation for the purpose of admitting strangers for a period not exceeding ninety (90) days for the following fees, to-wit: four (4) dollars for the Rank of Page, and three (3) dollars each for the Ranks of Esquire and Knight; provided further, that the fee for charter members may be ten (10) dollars. (Sec. 371, Grand Statutes.)

FOR REINSTATEMENT.

SEC. 95a. The fee to be charged by a Subordinate Lodge for reinstatement to membership therein of a member suspended for non-payment of arrearages shall be as prescribed by the Subordinate Lodge

from which he was suspended. The total amount of the reinstatement fee must be paid into the exchequer of the Lodge before an applicant for reinstatement can be legally restored to membership, which amount shall not be more than the amount of membership fee in said Lodge at the time of said application. (Sec. 326, Supreme Statutes.)

FOR DEPOSIT OF CARDS.

SEC. 96. A subordinate lodge, subject to the legislation of its Grand Lodge, may establish the fee to accompany an application for affiliation by the deposit of a Transfer Card and for the issue of such cards. (Sec. 274, Supreme Statutes, 1898.)

SEC. 97. The fee for admission to membership by deposit of Withdrawal Card, Grand Lodge Card or Supreme Lodge Card, shall not be less than one (1) dollar. (Sec. 373, Grand Statutes.)

FOR THE ISSUANCE OF CARDS.

SEC. 98. The fee for the issuance of Withdrawal Card shall be one (1) dollar. (Sec. 374, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 99. The fee for the issuance of a Transfer Card shall not be less than one (1) dollar. (Sec. 375, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 100. The fee for the issuance of a Traveling Shield shall not be less than fifty (50) cents. (Sec. 376, Grand Statutes.)

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

SEC. 101. The fees for the several ranks, when applied for, for affiliation by card and for reinstatement, must be paid in advance. (Sec. 378, Grand Statutes.)

WHEN NOT TO BE RETURNED.

SEC. 102. No rank shall be conferred until the fee therefor has been paid, and no portion of such fee shall be refunded, donated or returned, directly or

indirectly, except as provided in this chapter. (Sec. 254, Supreme Statutes.)

WHEN TO BE RETURNED.

SEC. 103. If an application for the Ranks of Knighthood be rejected, all fees received from the applicant for ranks shall be at once returned to him. (Sec. 250, Supreme Statutes.)

DUES, FINES AND ASSESSMENTS.

DUES—MINIMUM.

SEC. 110. Every member of the Order shall pay dues to his Lodge, and different rates of dues may be required from members of the different Ranks of Knighthood; provided, that the dues for the Knight Rank shall not be less than \$4.00 per annum. (Sec. 333, Grand Statutes.)

DUES—WHEN TO BEGIN.

SEC. 111. Dues shall begin with the date of initiation as Page, or of affiliation by Card, and if the date of said initiation or affiliation be after the beginning of a quarter, the said Page or member by affiliation shall be charged *pro rata* for the unexpired portion of such quarter. (Sec. 334, Grand Statutes.)

DUES—WHEN IN ARREARS.

SEC. 112. The quarterly terms from which dues shall begin to run shall commence with the first day of January, April, July and October in each year, and at the end of each of said quarters, if the dues thereof remain unpaid, the same shall be deemed to have accrued and the member to be in arrears. (Sec. 335, Grand Statutes.)

FINES—LODGES MAY IMPOSE.

SEC. 115. Subordinate Lodges may, in their By-Laws, provide for the summary imposition of fines, for absence or neglect of duty by officers and com-

mittees; provided, that no such fine shall exceed one (1) dollar. (Sec. 309, Grand Statutes.)

ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 118. Subordinate Lodges may, subject to the Supreme Law, provide for the imposition of assessments for weekly and funeral benefits, or nurse hire, which assessments shall become due and payable upon the next succeeding date for the payment of dues, and their non-payment at such date shall thereupon render the member in arrears and subject to all the provisions of this chapter; provided, that assessments imposed within one month preceding the end of a stated period for which dues are payable, shall not become due and payable until the next succeeding date for the payment of dues. (Sec. 336, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 119. When there remains less than two hundred dollars (\$200) in the Lodge exchequer, the Lodge may, by a two-third vote of the members present, levy assessments upon each member of the Lodge to provide funds to pay weekly or funeral benefits, or the actual necessary expenses of the Lodge; but no motion or proposition to levy such assessment shall be decided at the same convention at which it may be made, nor shall any such motion be made or entertained except at a regular stated convention of the Lodge. All such assessments shall be due immediately, and shall be at once charged against the members as dues, and shall be considered as such in all matters relating to the standing, suspension or reinstatement of members and their right to benefits. (Sec. 337, Grand Statutes.)

WEEKLY BENEFITS.

MEMBER'S RIGHT TO.

SEC. 125. The question of the payment of weekly benefits may be determined by each Subordinate

Lodge for itself, and each Subordinate Lodge shall have full power to make such provision in relation thereto as it may deem proper, or may provide that no weekly benefits shall be paid. (Sec. 342, Grand Statutes.)

PAYMENT OF ARREARS DURING DISABILITY.

SEC. 128. A member, if taken sick or disabled when in arrears for the amount of five months' dues, cannot, by the payment of such arrears, entitle himself to benefits during that sickness or disability. (Sec. 352, Grand Statutes.)

MEMBER SICK CANNOT BECOME IN ARREARS.

SEC. 129. Nor can he, while receiving benefits from the Lodge, become in arrears so as to debar him therefrom; and the Master of Exchequer shall pay to the Master of Finance, from the amount drawn for his benefits, a sum sufficient to keep him entitled to benefits. (Sec. 352, Grand Statutes.)

WHEN MEMBER NOT ENTITLED TO.

SEC. 130. A member cannot rightfully claim benefits when disabled so as to prevent him from following his usual occupation, but who is able to pursue some other business whereby he can earn a livelihood, nor when disabled by any disease or infirmity with which he was afflicted previous to his initiation or admission into the Lodge; nor from any sickness or other disability originating from intemperance, vicious or immoral conduct; nor while charges are pending against him. (Sec. 353, Grand Statutes.)

REVIVAL OF RIGHT TO.

SEC. 131. When, after due trial, a member has been acquitted upon charges preferred, all rights to benefits possessed by him are revived as of the time charges were preferred, if otherwise he is entitled thereto. (Sec. 354, Grand Statutes.)

REPORTING SICK.

SEC. 132. It shall be the duty of every brother, on ascertaining that a member is disabled or in distress, to report the same to some member of the Visiting Committee, or to the Lodge, at the next regular convention thereafter. (Sec. 345, Grand Statutes.)

DENIAL OF BENEFITS—APPEAL FROM.

SEC. 133. If a Lodge refuses or neglects to grant weekly benefits to a brother, he may, at any time within three weeks thereafter, demand in writing that the Lodge appoint a committee to investigate the matter, whereupon the Lodge must appoint a committee of five members to hear the evidence and report the facts and their conclusions to the Lodge. Such committee shall at once notify the brother of the time and place where it shall meet to investigate the case. Upon the meeting of the committee at the place and at the time stated in the notice, the members shall choose one of their members chairman, and another secretary. This committee shall keep a complete record of all its doings and of all the evidence taken, and report the same to the Lodge with the committee's conclusions thereon. All testimony shall be in writing, and no testimony shall be taken without notice or opportunity for cross-examination. Each witness, at the conclusion of his testimony, and before other proceedings in the case are had, or other witnesses testify, shall have his testimony, as taken down by the committee, read over to him, and shall make such corrections thereof as he may deem proper, and shall thereupon sign each page of his testimony. If a witness be a member of the Order, he shall give his testimony on the honor of a Knight; if not a member, he shall be sworn or affirmed by some one authorized to administer oaths; and the proceedings must state that such obligation, oath or affirmation was administered. The obligation may be adminis-

tered by any member of the committee. Upon the report being made, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith give the brother notice in writing, stating what the verdict is. The brother shall have two weeks in which to file his exceptions; if no exceptions are filed within two weeks after notice served, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce its judgment and decision. When a bill of exceptions to the report of the committee is filed, as above provided, the Lodge may determine on its merits, and either change, modify or sustain the report, or refer the same back to the same or a new committee, or order a new investigation. If the Lodge deems the exceptions not well taken, it shall proceed to pronounce its judgment and decision. An appeal may be taken from the judgment of the Lodge at any time within sixty days thereafter to the Grand Tribunal, on questions of law, of fact, or both, and if no such appeal is taken, the judgment of the Lodge is final. In all such investigations, the brother claiming benefits has the affirmative of the issue, and must prove his claim by a preponderance of the evidence before he is entitled to recover. It shall be the duty of the committee to examine all witnesses produced by the Lodge, as well as those produced by the brother claiming benefits. (Sec. 347, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 134. It is not intended that the laws of this Order providing for the payment of benefits of any kind shall be construed to create the relation of debtor and creditor, and such laws do not confer upon any one the right to enforce payments of such benefits by resort to the courts of law of the State of California. (Sec. 348, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 134a. An appeal from the order of a Subordinate Lodge denying benefits to a member, or his representative, is taken by filing with the Lodge and serving personally upon the Chancellor Commander thereof, during the convention of the Lodge, a notice

that an appeal will be taken to the Grand Tribunal, and that such appeal is taken on both law and fact. Such notice must be served within sixty (60) days after the time when benefits are refused. A copy of such notice of appeal, together with a statement of the grounds upon which such appellant relies for reversal of the order of the Lodge, must be filed with the Recorder of the Grand Tribunal within five (5) days after the service of the same on the Chancellor Commander. (Sec. 355, Grand Statutes.)

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

MINIMUM, OBLIGATORY.

SEC. 135. Each Subordinate Lodge shall pay a funeral benefit of not less than twenty dollars in the currency of the United States of America, or its equivalent in the currency of the country in which the Lodge is located, upon the death of a member thereof, of any rank, who was in good standing at the time of his death, said payment to be made as provided in the By-Laws of the Lodge. (Sec. 303, Supreme Statutes.)

SUICIDE DOES NOT RELEASE LODGE.

SEC. 136. The suicide of a member shall not release his Subordinate Lodge from the payment of the minimum amount of funeral benefit provided by the Supreme Law. (Sec. 306, Supreme Statutes.)

FUNDS.

ACCUMULATION AND DISPOSITION OF TRUST FUNDS.

SEC. 137. The receipts from fees, dues and fines, and the increments thereof, shall constitute the General Fund, and shall be used only for the purpose of carrying out the beneficial and fraternal features of the Order and paying the necessary expenses of the Lodge.

The beneficial and fraternal features of the Order are hereby defined and declared to be:

1. The payment of weekly benefits to sick and disabled members.
2. The payment of funeral benefits.
3. The payment of funeral benefits upon the death of a member's wife.
4. To make donations to worthy brothers in distress.
5. To pay the necessary current expenses of the Lodge.
6. To purchase all necessary paraphernalia for the use of the officers and members of the Lodge.
7. To purchase a hall or building suitable for Lodge meetings, and to furnish the same; or to acquire, by purchase or otherwise, land suitable for such building, and to erect buildings thereon; and that a Lodge may invest any of its funds (in excess of a reserve fund hereinafter provided for) in the purchase of such hall, or the land on which to erect such buildings; and to erect buildings thereon for Lodge purposes and to furnish the same.

Provided, That the title to all such real property shall be taken and held in the name of the Grand Lodge, in trust for such Subordinate Lodge.

Provided, also, That the Subordinate Lodge shall have full control of all such real property, and have and enjoy the rents, issues and profits thereof. But if any such Subordinate Lodge shall cease to exist, then, and in such case, the immediate right of possession and control of such property, together with the rents, issues and profits thereof, shall vest in the Grand Lodge.

Provided, further, That before any Subordinate Lodge shall invest any of its funds in the purchase

of a hall or land for building purposes, or to furnish a hall by it purchased or erected, there shall be set apart from its general funds at least the sum of five hundred dollars, as a reserve fund, which fund must never be decreased in consequence of any such investments.

Provided, also, That before any vote shall be taken on any proposition to purchase a hall, or land on which to build a hall, or to build or furnish a hall, written notice of such proposed action shall be given to each member of the Lodge. Such notice shall be served by mailing a copy to each member at least thirty days before such vote shall be taken and shall specify the date at which such vote will be taken, and shall contain the substance of the proposed purchase and the estimated cost of the hall, and the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Lodge present and entitled to vote shall be necessary to carry the proposition. (Sec. 382, Grand Statutes)

SPECIAL FUNDS.

SEC. 141. Subordinate Lodges may, by By-Laws, establish a fund, separate from the General Fund, to be known and designated as a special fund. (Sec. 383, Grand Statutes.)

DISPOSITION OF SPECIAL FUND.

SEC. 142. Such special fund may be used for the purpose of providing entertainments, or any other purpose that would reflect credit upon the Order. (Sec. 384, Grand Statutes.)

ACCUMULATION OF SPECIAL FUND.

SEC. 143. Such fund shall consist of such donations as may be made to it and the profits of any entertainments given by the Lodges; and provided, that each Subordinate Lodge may, at its discretion, provide by its By-Laws for an assessment not exceeding

twenty-five cents per quarter upon each member for the benefit of such fund. (Sec. 385, Grand Statutes.)

DISCONTINUANCE OF SPECIAL FUND.

SEC. 144. If a Lodge discontinue such special fund, then all money to its credit shall accrue to the General Fund of the Lodge. (Sec. 386, Grand Statutes.)

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 150. On the night of election of officers the Chancellor Commander shall appoint a committee of three Knights for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance and Keeper of Records and Seal. Said committee shall report in writing at the first stated convention of the next succeeding term. (Sec. 322, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 151. The Auditing Committee shall also audit the books and accounts of the Trustees and report to the Lodge in writing within thirty days after the close of the term. (Sec. 323, Grand Statutes.)

VISITING COMMITTEE.

SEC. 155. The Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Master of Exchequer and four other members of the Lodge shall constitute a Visiting Committee. They shall visit the disabled, and perform such other duties connected therewith as the laws and customs of the Order or the By-Laws of the Lodge may require. The Lodge shall so arrange the days of visiting that the Chancellor Commander shall visit upon the day of the convention of the Lodge, and the Vice Chancellor on the day preceding and the Master of Exchequer on the day after the convention of the Lodge; provided, that whenever a member under disability is so far recovered as to be about the streets, or whose disability does not confine him to

his residence, the Chancellor Commander may, in his discretion, excuse all the members of the Visiting Committee except himself, the Vice Chancellor and Master of Exchequer from visiting such member during such time as he may deem proper. (Sec. 346, Grand Statutes.)

TRANSFER CARDS.

APPLICATION FOR.

SEC. 160. Any member in good standing in a Subordinate Lodge, who may desire to change his membership to another Lodge, may make application in writing over his own signature for a Transfer Card. Such application shall be accompanied by the fee fixed by law for a Transfer Card and the amount of his dues, fines and assessments accrued and dues in advance to the first of the month succeeding the presentation of such application to the Lodge. (Sec. 268, Supreme Statutes.)

ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR.

SEC. 161. An application for a Transfer Card shall be read in open Lodge and a record of such fact made upon the minutes of the Lodge, and the further consideration of the matter shall be postponed until the next regular convention of the Lodge, at which time, if no charges are pending against the applicant and he be in good standing in the Lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall order the Transfer Card to be issued without any vote of the Lodge. When the issue of such card has been ordered by the Chancellor Commander, the Keeper of Records and Seal shall forthwith prepare the same and cause it to be duly signed by the Chancellor Commander and attested by himself, and shall deliver it to the member requesting it, either in person or by mail to his address as it appears on the books of the Lodge. (Sec. 269, Supreme Statutes.)

WITHDRAWAL CARD.

APPLICATION FOR.

SEC. 165. Any member of the Order who is not indebted to his Lodge, and is not under charges, may apply to his Lodge, in writing, over his own signature, for a Withdrawal Card. (Sec. 276, Supreme Statutes.)

ACTION ON APPLICATION.

SEC. 166. Such application shall be read in open Lodge, whereupon the Chancellor Commander shall inquire whether objection exists to the issue of such Card, and, if no objection be made, he shall, except as provided in Section 286 of this Statute, at once order its issue without formal vote of the Lodge thereon. If objection be made, the Chancellor Commander shall at once require the objection to be formulated in writing as charges against the applicant for the Card, which charges shall take the course provided by law, unless the application be withdrawn; and, if upon final hearing the defendant be convicted, the application shall be denied, and no further application from him for such Card shall be received or considered until the penalty following such conviction shall have been fully discharged. If the applicant be acquitted, the Chancellor Commander shall, except as provided in Section 286 of this Statute, thereupon order that the Card be issued, unless the applicant shall have withdrawn, in writing, his request therefor. In any case where the Chancellor Commander shall order the issue of a Withdrawal Card, he shall endorse his order upon the application for the Card, with date thereof, and the Card shall be at once prepared and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and signed by the Chancellor Commander, and delivered immediately to the applicant therefor, either in person or by mail to his address as shown on the books of the Lodge. (Sec. 277, Supreme Statutes.)

GRAND LODGE CARDS.

TO MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING.

SEC. 170. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct may make application for a Grand Lodge Card to the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge in whose domain said defunct Lodge was situate, accompanying his application with satisfactory proof of his good standing in his Subordinate Lodge when the same became defunct, together with the fee for the Card; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application, directing the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to issue to the applicant a Grand Lodge Card. (Sec. 278, Supreme Statutes.)

TO MEMBER UNDER SUSPENSION.

SEC. 171. A member of a Subordinate Lodge which shall have become defunct, who is under suspension for non-payment of dues, may make application for a Grand Lodge Card to the Grand Chancellor of the Grand Lodge in whose domain the said defunct Lodge was situate, accompanying his application with the fee for the Card and the amount of one year's dues as required by his Lodge at the date of his suspension; whereupon the Grand Chancellor shall endorse his order upon the application and shall cause a Grand Lodge Card to be issued and delivered to the applicant, as provided in the preceding section. (Sec. 279, Supreme Statutes.)

SEMI-ANNUAL PASSWORD.

BY WHOM COMMUNICATED.

SEC. 175. The S. A. P. W. must be communicated only by the Chancellor Commander or (in his absence) by the Vice Chancellor of the Lodge. (Sec. 256, Supreme Statutes.)

ORAL COMMUNICATION OF.

SEC. 176. Each Chancellor Commander shall, upon application therefor personally and orally communicate the current semi-annual password to any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, whose indebtedness to the Lodge is paid to the beginning of the term for which such password issued, and who is otherwise in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge over which such Chancellor Commander presides, and to none others except as provided in this statute. (Sec. 397, Supreme Statutes.)

ORDER TO COMMUNICATE.

SEC. 177. Any member of the Order who has attained the Rank of Knight, and who is in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, who shall be unable to obtain the password for the current semi-annual term personally and orally from the Chancellor Commander of his Subordinate Lodge, shall be entitled to an order addressed to any Chancellor Commander to whom the same may be presented, requesting him to communicate to the member named therein the password for the semi-annual term in which such order is dated. The blanks for the orders described in this section shall be furnished only by the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be in form as follows: * * * On the back of the order shall appear the great Seal of the Supreme Lodge and the signature of the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, together with Section 400 of this Statute. No order for the semi-annual password shall be valid unless upon a blank form herein prescribed. (Sec. 398, Supreme Statutes.)

WHEN ORDER CANNOT BE ISSUED.

SEC. 178. No order for the semi-annual password shall be issued to a member of a Subordinate Lodge at a time or during a period when such Sub-

ordinate Lodge shall be without the word or not entitled to the promulgation thereof. (Sec. 399, Supreme Statutes.)

MODE OF COMMUNICATION ON ORDER.

SEC. 179. Upon presentation of an order for the semi-annual password, upon an official blank dated in the current semi-annual term and properly signed and sealed, together with the official receipt described therein, to any Chancellor Commander, by one who shall by personal identification or examination in the secret work, or both, prove himself to be the person designated in such order and official receipt, then such Chancellor Commander shall personally and orally communicate to him the semi-annual password described therein; provided, that, should the person presenting such order and official receipt be intoxicated or insane, then such Chancellor Commander may refuse to communicate to him the semi-annual password; but in such case he shall at once notify the Chancellor Commander issuing the order, of his action and of the reason therefor. When a Chancellor Commander shall invest a brother with the semi-annual password under the provisions of this Section, he shall, in every case, immediately take up and destroy the order therefor. (Sec. 400, Supreme Statutes.)

GOOD STANDING DEFINED.

SEC. 180. A Page, Esquire or Knight shall be considered to be in good standing in the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member:

Par. 1. If he is not under suspension from membership for the non-payment of arrearages or for other causes.

Par. 2. If he has not renounced the Order (Sec. 265, Supreme Statutes.)

BUREAUS OF RELIEF.

FORMATION OF.

SEC. 185. In all cities and towns where there are three or more Lodges, said Lodges may, with the consent of a majority thereof, establish a Bureau of Relief. (Sec. 442, Grand Statutes.)

COMPOSITION OF.

SEC. 186. From and after the establishing of such a Bureau of Relief, it shall consist of two delegates from each Lodge in such city or town, and the Chancellor, Commander and Vice Chancellor of such Lodges respectively shall be the delegates therefrom, unless the Lodge shall select, with his consent, a member thereof as a delegate, and the delegate so selected shall be subject to all the provisions of this title. (Sec. 443, Grand Statutes.)

ASSESSMENTS LEVIED BY.

SEC. 187. For the purpose of supplying the necessary funds for carrying into operation the objects and duties of this Bureau, it may, from time to time levy a pro rata assessment not to exceed 20 cents per capita in any one year, upon the several Lodges represented; provided, that no assessment shall be levied if the Bureau has one hundred dollars on hand available for relief. (Sec. 445, Grand Statutes.)

QUARTERLY REPORTS FROM.

SEC. 188. Bureaus of Relief shall keep accurate minutes of their transactions, and shall make quarterly reports to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, in which report they shall segregate all moneys passing through their hands under the following heads: 1. Rent; 2. Cost of Furniture; 3. Salaries; 4. Stationery, Postage and Telegrams; 5. Relief of Brothers and their Families; 6. Sick Benefits; 7. Disposal of the dead; and at the last convention of each term deliver to their successors all books, papers, property or moneys belonging to the Bureau;

and, further, that said Bureaus shall make an annual report to the Grand Lodge in the same manner as their report to the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal. (Sec. 446, Grand Statutes.)

MAY IMPOSE FINES.

SEC. 189. Bureaus of Relief may provide, by by-law, for the imposition of fines, to be imposed upon members for neglect of duty, not exceeding 50 cents, and in case of failure or refusal to pay the same, after due notice thereof, the Bureau shall report the same to his Lodge, which shall add the same to his account with the Lodge, and charge the same against him, and such fines shall have the same effect upon his standing, suspension or right to benefits as fines imposed by the Lodge. All fines collected by the Lodge shall be paid over to the Bureau of Relief quarterly. (Sec. 447, Grand Statutes.)

PYTHIAN OFFENSES.

WHAT CONSTITUTES.

SEC. 195. Any member violating any of the obligations of the Order, or the established principles, rules, laws or regulations of the Order; disregarding the requirements of the Supreme or Grand Constitution or Statutes, or By-Laws of his Lodge; disclosing the secret transactions of a Lodge; divulging the name of a brother who has reported or voted unfavorably on an applicant, or opposed his becoming a member; feigning himself sick or disabled; practicing, aiding or abetting any other misrepresentation, false pretense or fraud; guilty of habitual drunkenness, gambling, immoral or criminal conduct of any kind; entering a Lodge under the influence of intoxicating liquor; using profane or other improper language in or about the Lodge-room; wilfully persisting in disturbing the peaceful and harmonious workings of the Lodge, or refusing to obey the presiding officer, or persisting in any political or

religious discussion in the Lodge after having been twice called to order by the Chancellor Commander; shall be deemed guilty of a Pythian offense, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to such punishment as the Lodge may determine upon, in accordance with the "Code of Procedure;" provided, however, that this Article shall not apply to cases of fines not exceeding one dollar, imposed under a By-Law of a Lodge for neglect of any duty required by such By-Law, or by the laws of the Order, nor to a fine imposed for contempt under this Chapter. (Sec. 419, Grand Statutes.)

CONTEMPT.

SEC. 196. Every member is bound faithfully and punctually to attend when summoned by the Lodge, Grand Lodge, or any committee or officer thereof, and any member evading the receipt of notices or neglecting to attend at the time and place specified, or to continue his attendance until released, shall be reported to the Lodge, and such member shall be forthwith notified, in writing signed by the Chancellor Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal and the seal of the Lodge, to show cause why he should not be punished for contempt; and if, at the next regular convention thereafter such member does not appear, or present a good and sufficient excuse for his conduct (unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable absence from being present), he may, by a two-third vote of all the members present, be adjudged guilty of contempt and may be punished by such fine as a majority of the members present may determine; provided, that no such fine shall exceed ten (10) dollars. (Sec. 420, Grand Statutes.)

DISPUTES AND GRIEVANCES.

SEC. 197. Disputes, difficulties and grievances between members of the Lodge may be specified in writing to the Chancellor Commander, who shall re-

fer the matter to a committee of three members of the Knight Rank, whose duty it shall be to examine the parties, the proofs and witnesses, fairly and impartially, and report their decision to him, to be communicated to the parties, when, should the dissatisfaction continue, the Chancellor Commander shall present the whole matter to the Lodge, which may, by a two-third vote of all the members present, either approve the report of such committee, or require the complainant to prefer charges against the member complained of, or dismiss the entire matter; provided, however, that a member alleging a dispute, difficulty or grievance against another, which cannot be substantiated, or shall be proved false or malicious, may be punished by fine or suspension, upon conviction thereof, after a trial had, upon charges preferred in accordance with the "Code of Procedure," as a disturber of the peace and harmony of the Lodge. (Sec. 421, Grand Statutes.)

CONVICTION OF FELONY.

SEC. 198. Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the Chancellor Commander of a Lodge that any member thereof has been finally convicted in the courts of the land of any felony, it shall be his duty to at once procure and present to the Lodge a certified copy of the final judgment of such conviction, whereupon such member shall be, at once, placed upon trial according to the Code of Procedure, as though charges had been preferred against him for the commission of such crime. (Sec. 422, Grand Statutes.)

CHARGES AND TRIALS.

PREFERENCE OF CHARGES.

SEC. 200. Charges may be preferred in a Subordinate Lodge by any member of the Order against any other member of the Order for any Pythian offense, whereupon a trial shall be had in accordance with the following Code of Procedure:

CHARGES—FORM OF.

Par. 1. All charges shall be in writing, and shall be substantially in the following form:

JOHN DOE,	} Charges.
Accuser,	
vs.	
RICHARD ROE,	} Charges.
Accused.	

To the officers and members of
Lodge, No., Knights of Pythias, of California:

The above named accuser hereby prefers charges against the above named accused for (here specify general nature of the charges), committed as follows: to-wit: The said accused, at and in (here specify place), on or about the day of 18...., did wilfully, and in violation of his obligations as a Knight of Pythias (here state particularly the acts complained of).

Wherefore, the accuser prays that a committee be appointed to investigate such charges, as required by law, and that justice may be done between the accused and the Order.

Submitted in F., C. and B.,

JOHN DOE,
Accuser.

(Sec. 427, Grand Statutes, Par 1.)

AGAINST MEMBER OF ANOTHER LODGE.

SEC. 201. If the accused and the accuser are not both members of the same Lodge, the charges shall be first presented to the Lodge of the accuser, which shall immediately transmit them, under seal of the Lodge, to the Lodge of the accused. (Sec. 427, Grand Statutes, Par. 2.)

SUMMONS.

SEC. 202. All charges shall be received without debate, and the Keeper of Records and Seal shall at once issue a summons, signed by the Chancellor Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records

Seal, and under seal of such Lodge, directed to the accused, which summons shall be substantially in the following form:

JOHN DOE,	}	Summons.
Accuser,		
vs.		
RICHARD ROE,	}	
Accused.		

The officers and members of.....
Lodge, No....., Knights of Pythias, of California.

To Richard Roe, accused, a Knightly greeting:

You are hereby commanded, in the name of Friendship, Charity and Benevolence, to be and appear before this Lodge at a date not later than the third regular convention of this Lodge, after the service on you of this summons then and there to answer charges preferred against you by the above-named accuser, a copy of which charges is served herewith, and to which you are referred for further and full particulars.

(Dated, the day of, 18.....)

.....
Chancellor Commander.

(Attest)
Keeper of Records and Seal.

(Seal.)
(Sec. 427, Par. 3, Grand Statutes.)

SERVICE OF SUMMONS.

SEC. 203. The summons, together with a copy of the charges, shall be served upon the accused by the Keeper of Records and Seal, or some person appointed by the Lodge to make such service. (Sec. 427, Par. 4, Grand Statutes.)

PROOF OF SERVICE.

SEC. 204. If service is made on the accused personally by the Keeper of Records and Seal, he shall

endorse on the summons, or annex thereto, his certificate, under seal of the Lodge, stating the date and place of such service; if the service is made on the accused personally by a member of the Order other than the Keeper of Records and Seal, a statement of the date and place of such service, endorsed on or annexed to the summons and signed by such member, and made upon his honor as a Knight, shall be sufficient evidence of such service. If served by a person not a member of the Order, such statement shall be made under oath. (Sec. 427, Par. 5, Grand Statutes.)

SERVICES BY MAIL.

SEC. 205. If the accused cannot, with reasonable diligence, be found by the Keeper of Records and Seal, or such person as may be appointed to make such service, the Lodge may, upon being satisfied thereof, direct the Keeper of Records and Seal to make service by mail, in which case a copy of the charges and summons certified as correct by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and under the seal of the Lodge, shall be by him enclosed in an envelope properly sealed, and addressed to the accused at his last known or recorded postoffice address and registered, and deposited in the United States postoffice, with the necessary postage and registry fees prepaid thereon, and the service shall then be complete, and the certificate of the Keeper of Records and Seal, stating the above facts, endorsed upon or annexed to the summons, together with the registry receipt therefor, shall be complete and perfect proof of service of such summons and charges. (Sec. 427, Par. 6, Grand Statutes.)

TRIAL COMMITTEE—APPOINTMENT.

SEC. 206. At any regular convention of the Lodge before the third regular convention after the service of the summons, that the accused may appear before the Lodge, either in person or by counsel, and at the third regular convention of the Lodge after the

service of the summons, in case he fails to appear by that time, a Trial Committee of five members of such Lodge shall be selected in the following manner: Two members shall be selected by the Lodge by a majority vote of all the members present, and two shall be appointed by the Chancellor Commander, and one by the Vice Chancellor. The accuser and the accused, if present, shall each have the right to challenge peremptorily three members of such committee. The members so challenged shall be excused from serving on such committee, and other members shall be chosen to fill their places in the same manner as the challenged members were chosen. Every member of such Lodge shall be eligible to act on such committee, unless a relative of the accused or accuser, or associated with the accused or accuser in business, or unless he will be a witness upon the trial of such charges, or has formed a fixed or unqualified opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused from facts within his own knowledge. (Sec. 427, Par. 7, Grand Statutes.)

TRIAL COMMITTEE—POWER OF.

SEC. 207. Immediately after its appointment, the Trial Committee shall fix the time and place of hearing, and give notice thereof to the accuser and accused, if he has appeared. The Committee shall have the power to require the attendance of witnesses, and the production of such papers and documents as the Committee may deem proper for investigating the charges. (Sec. 427, Par. 8, Grand Statutes.)

APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED.

SEC. 208. The accused shall have the right to appear and answer the charges at any time before the trial commences, and in case he so appears and answers, he shall be deemed to have admitted every charge and allegation which he fails to substantially deny. No demurrer or other dilatory plea to the

charges or answer shall be permitted, but the accused may demand a statement of the particulars of the offense charged, if they be not sufficiently stated in the charges. (Sec. 427, Par. 9, Grand Statutes.)

NON-APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED.

SEC. 209. If the accused refuses or neglects to appear in person or by counsel on or before the day fixed for the trial, the charges shall be deemed and treated as all denied, and nothing shall be taken as admitted, but the Trial Committee shall proceed to hear the accuser and his witnesses, and report to the Lodge as hereinafter provided. (Sec. 427, Par. 10, Grand Statutes.)

NON-APPEARANCE OF ACCUSER.

SEC. 210. If the accuser and his witnesses fail to appear at the trial, the charges shall be dismissed for want of prosecution. (Sec. 427, Par. 11, Grand Statutes.)

PLEADING GUILTY.

SEC. 211. If the accused appear and admit the truth of the charges, the committee shall report that fact to the Lodge with their recommendation as to the punishment of the accused, as in case of a conviction after trial. (Sec. 427, Par. 12, Grand Statutes.)

TRIAL COMMITTEE—DUTY OF.

SEC. 212. The committee shall strictly and impartially examine all witnesses and evidence offered by either party, but nothing shall be admitted as testimony which has not a direct bearing on the charges. The testimony of members of the Order shall be given upon their honor as Knights, and those not members shall be sworn (or affirmed) by the chairman of the committee, or some officer authorized by law to administer oaths and affirmations. A full and correct record of the proceedings and testimony must be taken by the committee.

The proceedings may, if the committee desires, be taken in shorthand, and a transcript thereof, certified as correct by the person taking the same, shall constitute a sufficient report of the proceedings so taken, but in such case the accused cannot be required to pay any part of the expense so incurred, unless he shall have first agreed so to do before such expense is incurred, nor shall the Lodge be liable therefor, unless it shall authorize the same to be done at the expense of the Lodge. (Sec. 427, Par. 13, Grand Statutes.)

TRIAL—CONDUCT OF.

SEC. 213. The accuser and accused shall each have the right to choose one brother to act as counsel for him at the trial, and if the accused be absent, the Trial Committee shall appoint counsel to defend him. The accuser and the accused shall each have the right, in person or by counsel, to examine and cross-examine the witnesses who may be presented before the committee. When the testimony of the witnesses shall have been taken, and all the other evidence has been offered, the committee shall declare the examination closed, and as soon as practicable report to the Lodge the evidence and the proceedings of the committee in full, together with their decision upon the guilt or innocence of the accused, and may also accompany the report with a recommendation as to the punishment to be imposed. (Sec. 427, Par. 14, Grand Statutes.)

NOTICE OF DECISION.

SEC. 214. When the report has been presented to the Lodge, written notice thereof shall be given by the Keeper of Records and Seal to the party against whom the decision is rendered, and he shall have two weeks from and after the date of such notice in which to present exceptions thereto, should he so desire. If exceptions to the report of the committee are presented, the Lodge shall, at the next regular

convention, determine upon the merits of such exceptions, and may either sustain or overrule the same, and may either approve, reverse or modify the report of the committee, or grant a new trial. If no exceptions are filed within the time above prescribed, or within such further time as the Lodge may grant, the report of the committee shall be submitted to the Lodge for its action, and it may either approve, reverse or modify the report, or grant a new trial, as may appear just or proper. (Sec. 427, Par. 15, Grand Statutes.)

AFFIXING PENALTY.

SEC. 215. If the accused be by the committee found guilty of the offense charged, or any part thereof, and the report of the committee, or any part thereof, be approved by the Lodge, and a specific penalty for the offense be provided in the Statutes or By-Laws of the Lodge, the Chancellor Commander shall enforce it. If no specific penalty be provided, the Lodge shall, by a two-third vote, decide whether the penalty shall be suspension, reprimand and fine, or reprimand or fine. The vote shall be taken by ballot, and shall be taken separately upon the several penalties above provided in the order stated, until two-thirds of the votes shall have been in favor of some given penalty. But one ballot shall be had upon one grade of penalty. If two-thirds of the votes are cast for suspension, suspension shall be the penalty, and the Lodge shall proceed, by a majority vote, to fix the duration of such suspension. If suspension is not determined upon as the penalty, then the penalty shall either be reprimand and fine, or either, as the Lodge, by a two-third vote, may determine; if fine is determined upon, then the Lodge, by a two-third vote, shall fix the amount thereof, not exceeding ten dollars; if reprimand is decided upon, then the accused shall be reprimanded in open Lodge by the acting Chancellor Commander. No ballot held under this section shall

be reconsidered. During the balloting the accused shall retire from the Lodge-room. (Sec. 427, Par. 16, Grand Statutes.)

ACQUITTAL FINAL.

SEC. 216. If the Lodge find the accused not guilty, the judgment of the Lodge shall be final, unless reversed by the Grand Tribunal. (Sec. 427, Par. 17, Grand Statutes.)

APPEAL—RIGHT OF.

SEC. 217. Every brother has the right to appeal to the Grand Tribunal if he considers the proceedings of his Lodge to be illegal or unjust in any particular, or if he deems himself aggrieved by the action of his or any other Lodge. (Sec. 427, Par. 18, Grand Statutes.)

APPELLANT ENTITLED TO RECORD.

SEC. 218. Every brother desiring to appeal is entitled to have, and it shall be the duty of the Lodge to furnish him, immediately upon application therefor, with copies of the charges, reports, and all the papers and proceedings relating to the case, except the testimony taken, together with copies of the minutes of the Lodge, duly authenticated by the Keeper of Records and Seal, and under seal of the Lodge. (Sec. 427, Par. 19, Grand Statutes.)

FORM OF APPEAL.

SEC. 219. The notice of appeal shall state in ordinary and concise language the action or proceeding or decision complained of, and the date of the convention at which the same occurred, or at which the decision was made, and shall also set forth the grounds of the appeal, and whether on questions of law or fact, or both. (Sec. 427, Par. 20, Grand Statutes.)

EFFECT OF CHARGES.

SEC. 220. A member under charges, in case of death or disability during the pendency of the

charges or the appeal, shall not receive any benefits; but in such case the amount of his benefits, if any, shall be placed to his credit, and if he be finally acquitted, or the charges dismissed, the amount thereof, less any indebtedness due from him to the Lodge, shall be paid to him or the persons entitled thereto; but in case he is finally convicted or found guilty and suffer punishment of suspension, such benefits shall be retained by the Lodge. (Sec. 427, Grand Statutes, par. 21.)

BY-LAWS.

LODGES MAY ADOPT.

SEC. 225. Each Subordinate Lodge shall have the right to make and adopt a code of By-Laws, in conformity with the Supreme and Grand Laws, for its government, which can be made, altered, amended or added to by submitting the proposition to the Lodge in writing, signed by two members of the Knight Rank, and having the same read at three regular conventions previous to being acted upon, when, two-thirds of the valid votes concurring, they shall be adopted. (Sec. 404, Grand Statutes.)

AMENDMENTS OF.

SEC. 226. When an amendment to By-Laws is upon its passage at the time provided, it is competent to change, alter or add to the original proposed amendment. (Sec. 405, Grand Statutes.)

MODE OF ACTION ON.

SEC. 227. The first reading shall be on the night of presentation, and the vote, as specified, may be had at the second regular convention thereafter. (Sec. 406, Grand Statutes.)

NOTIFICATION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. 228. Before an amendment is adopted, every member of the Lodge, living within the county in which the Lodge is situated, must be notified of the date on which the vote will be taken. (Sec. 407, Grand Statutes.)

APPROVAL REQUIRED.

SEC. 229. Before any By-Laws or amendments can become operative they must be approved by a majority of the Grand Lodge Committee on Law and the Grand Chancellor, or by all the members of said committee in case the Grand Chancellor fails to approve. All proposed By-Laws or amendments submitted to the committee must have a certificate attached thereto in the following words:

This is to certify that the foregoing amendment (or By-Laws) was submitted in writing to Lodge No., Knights of Pythias, of City, signed by two members of the Knight rank; that they were first read before the said lodge on the night of presentation at the regular stated convention, to-wit: on the day of, A. D. 190..., and were read twice afterwards at the next succeeding conventions, and were duly adopted by the lodge, two-thirds valid votes present concurring; that prior to the adoption of said By-Laws (or amendment) every member residing in the county of, wherein said lodge is situated, was duly notified in the manner prescribed by these By-Laws of the date upon which the vote was to be taken on said proposed By-Laws (or amendment.)

(Signed.)

.....
Chancellor.

(Seal of Lodge)

.....
K. of R. and S.

(Sec. 408, Grand Statutes.)

GENERAL PROVISIONS.

RESORT TO CIVIL COURTS.

SEC. 235. Members of the Order shall not resort to the civil courts of the land for establishing rights and redressing grievances growing out of membership in the Order, until they shall have exhausted

their remedies in the Tribunals of the Order. (Sec. 309, Supreme Statutes.)

SEAL AND USE OF.

SEC. 240. Each Subordinate Lodge within this Grand Domain shall have an official seal, which shall bear its name, number, location and date of institution, arranged in a circle together, together with such appropriate devices in the center of such seal as shall be adopted by the Grand Chancellor and Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, which design shall be uniform in all seals hereafter procured; provided, that Lodges already having seals may continue to use the

same so long as they may desire. Said seal shall be kept in the custody of the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall be used by him in authenticating such documents as require his official attestation. (Sec. 161, Grand Statutes.)



PRINTING LAWS PROHIBITED.

SEC. 245. No Lodge shall print the Supreme or Grand Constitutions or Statutes, or any part thereof; but to preserve uniformity and prevent error, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal shall print, in a convenient form for binding, and furnish to all Subordinate Lodges, such portions thereof as relate to Subordinate Lodges, at a price to be fixed by the Grand Lodge or Executive Council, which shall be at least sufficient to reimburse the Grand Lodge for printing the same. (Sec. 413, Grand Statutes.)

Par. 2. Any Lodge that shall print, or cause to be printed, any of the Supreme or Grand Constitutions or Statutes, or any part thereof, shall be deemed guilty of a Pythian offense and subject to charges therefor, which it shall be the duty of the

Grand Chancellor to prefer in the Grand Tribunal, and to prosecute to a final judgment, and upon conviction thereof, such Lodge shall be subject to fine or suspension, as the Grand Tribunal may decide. (Sec. 414, Grand Statutes.)



CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the foregoing "Code of Laws for Subordinate Lodges, Knights of Pythias of the Grand Domain of California," are correct, true and complete copies of the original Constitutions and Statutes adopted by the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias and the Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias of California, and the amendments thereof, to date.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and theseal of said Grand Lodge, this 10th day of July, 1901, P. P. XXXVIII.

H. Schaffner

G. K. of R. and S.



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BY-LAWS
—OF—
COULTERVILLE LODGE, No. 201
KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this Lodge shall be known as Coulterville Lodge, No. 201, Knights of Pythias.

ARTICLE II.

CONVENTIONS—STATED.

SECTION 1. The stated conventions shall be held at I. O. O. F. Hall, Main street, on Thursday evening of each week, at eight o'clock from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, and at 7:30 from October 1st to April 1st.

SPECIAL CONVENTIONS.

SEC. 2. Notice of a special convention must be given to every member of this Lodge residing in this county, by mailing the same at least one day prior thereto.

ARTICLE III.

DUTIES AND SALARIES OF OFFICERS—TRUSTEES.

(See Title III, Chapter IV, Sections 300-309, Grand Statutes.)

SECTION 1. The legal title to all money and other property of the Lodge, when so ordered by a majority vote of the members present, shall be vested in three Trustees (Title III, Chapter II, Section 282, Grand Statutes), and it shall be the duty of such

Trustees to hold in trust for the Lodge the property, and invest the money in their hands upon such securities as the Lodge may direct. Collect the moneys and the profits thereof, and the income of other property, to make such disposition thereof as the Lodge may direct, and to deposit all papers of the Lodge which may be in their hands in some safe place, and produce the same when requested so to do by the Lodge, Chancellor Commander or Finance Committee. Before entering upon their duty they shall each give a bond, with two or more sureties, to the Lodge in a sum fixed by it, conditioned for the faithful performance of their trust, which bond and sureties must be approved by the Lodge. It shall also be their duty at the first regular convention night of each term to tender to the Lodge an account and report of their transactions during the preceding term.

SEC. 2. The Master of Finance must give a bond to the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor, and their successors, with two or more sureties, in the sum of \$100.00, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond and sureties must be approved by the Lodge.

SEC. 3. The Master of Exchequer must give bond to the Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor, and their successors, with two or more sureties, in the sum of \$250.00, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond and the sureties must be approved by the Lodge.

ARTICLE IV.

REPRESENTATIVES TO GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. Each Representative elected by this Lodge to attend a session of the Grand Lodge, and attending the session of the Grand Lodge for which he was elected, shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Lodge the sum of \$15.00. Any Alternate

attending a session of the Grand Lodge instead of the regularly elected Representative, shall be entitled to the same compensation.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES—FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The Chancellor Commander and Vice Chancellor, as soon as possible after their installation, shall appoint a Finance Committee, consisting of three Knights (Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Keeper of Records and Seal, Master of Finance, Master of Exchequer and Trustees excepted), who shall examine and report on all bills, claims and demands against the Lodge, before a warrant shall be drawn, but the Lodge may, at a regular convention, by a two-third vote of the members present, order any claim or bill paid without such report.

VISITING COMMITTEE.

(See Title III, Chapter IX, Section 346, Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 2. The Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor, Master of Exchequer, Prelate, Master-at-Arms, Inner Guard and Outer Guard shall constitute the Visiting Committee. They shall visit the disabled when reported to them by the Chancellor Commander or in open Lodge on the following days: Chancellor Commander, on Thursday; Vice Chancellor, on Wednesday; Master of Exchequer, on Friday; Prelate, on Saturday; Master-at-Arms, on Sunday; Inner Guard, on Monday; Outer Guard, on Tuesday. They shall not be required to visit a member who is suffering from any contagious disease or who resides without the town limits. Nor shall they be fined for not visiting a member unless they shall have received actual notice that such member was disabled.

SEC. 3. If circumstances require it the Chancellor Commander, as chairman of the Committee, may

employ a suitable nurse to attend the sick brother, and his services shall be paid out of the funds of the Lodge, not to exceed \$2.50 per day.

SEC. 4. The chairman of the Committee, when circumstances require it, shall notify one or more brothers, in alphabetical order, to attend each night to watch with the sick brother, and to render him such aid as he may require, subject, however, to the proviso contained in the last clause of Section 2 of this Article. The Master of Finance shall prepare an alphabetical list of members in a book for that purpose for the use of the Chancellor Commander, and no brother shall be called upon to watch the second time until the list shall have been exhausted; provided, that the Visiting Committee, Keeper of Records and Seal and all brothers residing outside the township's limits shall be exempt from this duty.

SEC. 5. The Chancellor Commander, as chairman of the Visiting Committee, shall report to the Lodge in writing, signed by a majority of the Visiting Committee, at each regular convention the condition of all sick brothers and the amount due each, if any. The Chancellor Commander shall also report the name of any member of the Committee who may refuse or neglect to perform this duty, except such cases as may come within the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

SEC. 6. All final reports of committees shall be made in writing, signed by a majority of the committee.

SEC. 7. No committee can be discharged until all debts contracted by them shall have been paid or accepted.

RELIEF COMMITTEE.

SEC. 8. The Relief Committee shall consist of Chancellor Commander, Vice Chancellor and Prelate.

It shall be their duty on the application of a brother, not a member of this Lodge, who is in distress, to visit such brother, and render such assistance as in their opinion he may require. If the relief granted be pecuniary, it shall not exceed fifteen dollars (\$15.00), without a vote of the Lodge, and the amount so furnished must be endorsed on the back of his official receipt. They shall have charge of all cases referred to them by this or any other Lodge of afflicted brothers contained in the insane asylum.

ARTICLE VI.

BENEFITS—WEEKLY.

(See Title III, Chapter IX, Sections 345-346, Grand Statutes.)

SECTION 1. Every member in good standing in this Lodge who is not in arrears thereto for dues, fines, and assessments, or either, in a sum equal to five months' dues, who is incapacitated by sickness, or other disability which prevents him from attending to his usual business or occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, shall be entitled to receive from this Lodge weekly benefits as follows:

For the first week's disability \$1.00 (one dollar); for the next 25 weeks of such disability \$7.00 (seven dollars) per week; for the next 25 weeks of such disability \$3.50 (three dollars and fifty cents) per week. To members of the Esquire rank, for the first week's disability \$1.00 (one dollar), and the same per week thereafter during such disability, provided that benefits be not paid for more than twenty-five consecutive weeks. To members of the Page rank, for the first week's disability \$1.00 (one dollar,) and thereafter as in the Esquire rank; provided, however that during the first six months of membership a member of any rank shall be entitled to weekly benefits of but \$1.00 (one dollar) per week; and provided further, that any member of any rank shall be entitled to weekly benefits of but \$1.00 per week up to within one week of the time his disability shall have been reported to the Lodge, Chancellor

Commander, or any member of the Visiting Committee, except as provided as follows:

SEC. 1a. In case of the disability of any member absent from the jurisdiction of the Lodge, or who cannot, for any reason, be visited by the Visiting Committee, a statement of his condition and the nature, extent and duration of his disability, signed by the Chancellor Commander, and attested by the Keeper of Records and Seal of a Lodge of the Order, who have knowledge of the facts, or by any reputable physician, certified to before an officer authorized to administer an oath, shall be *prima facie* evidence of the facts therein stated, and in the absence of any other evidence or information will be sufficient to entitle the member to weekly benefits if it shows that his disability is sufficient to prevent him from attending to his usual business, or other occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood; provided he is not in arrears, as heretofore provided, and is in good standing, but the Lodge may require any further additional proof; provided, that an absent member may report, or cause himself to be reported, to a Bureau of Relief at the place where he is living at the time of his sickness, in which case he shall have the same right to benefits as though he had been reported to this Lodge, and the report of the Bureau of Relief shall stand in lieu of the report of the Visiting Committee, but the Lodge may require such additional evidence concerning his sickness as it may deem necessary.

SEC. 1b. Payment of weekly benefits may be made to the member, or to his wife in his lifetime, and after his death to his widow, if there be one, or minor orphans, if there be any; and if there be no widow or minor orphans, then the payment need not be made; and the receipt of any such person shall be a full and complete discharge and acquittance of the Lodge of all claims and demands against it on account thereof.

SEC. 1c. A member whose disability, as hereinbefore cited, is the result of immoral or criminal conduct, or of some disease or constitutional infirmity which existed at the time of his admission to the Lodge, and which was then known to him and purposely concealed from the Lodge and the examining physician, shall be entitled to no benefits for such disability, either directly or indirectly.

SEC. 2. It shall be competent for the Lodge to grant relief by donation of its fund, but no larger sum than \$25.00, except upon the report recommendation of a committee, and all such appropriations shall require a two-third vote of the members present at a regular convention or special convention called for the purpose of considering the matter.

BENEFITS—FUNERAL.

(See Article XI, Section 8, Supreme Constitution.)

(Title IV, Chapter X, Sections 303-306, S. S.)

SEC. 3. Funeral benefits shall be paid as follows: Upon the death of a member of the Page rank in good standing, shall be paid \$20.00; upon the death of a member of the Esquire rank in good standing, shall be paid \$20.00; upon the death of a member of the Knight rank in good standing, shall be paid \$75; provided, however, that the amount of such funeral benefit in excess of \$20.00 shall be expended under the direction of the Lodge in defraying the actual funeral expenses of the deceased member, and the Lodge shall be the sole judge as to what portion of such sum in excess of \$20.00 shall be expended for such funeral expenses.

SEC. 4. The funeral benefits to be paid upon the death of a member by suicide shall be \$20.00; provided, however, that the Lodge may at a stated convention, by a two-third vote of all the members present, pay a larger amount than \$20.00, but not exceeding the amount payable by Section 3 of this Article, and subject to the conditions thereof.

ARTICLE VII.

(Fees, Dues and Assessments, see Title III, Chapter II, Sections 371-377 inclusive, Grand Statutes; as to Dues and Assessments, Title III, Chapter VIII, Sections 333-337 inclusive, Grand Statutes; as to Qualifications of Applicants, Title III, Chapter III, Section 239 et seq., Grand Statutes.)

SECTION 1. The fee for rank of Knighthood shall be:

For the rank of Page.....	\$10.00
For the rank of Esquire.....	5.00
For the rank of Knight.....	5.00

Provided, however, that when the applicant is over 50 years of age he shall pay \$5.00 for each additional year over 50, and shall apply only by dispensation.

SEC. 2. The fee for admission to membership by deposit of Withdrawal Card, Grand Lodge Card or Supreme Lodge Card, shall be \$1.00.

SEC. 3. The fee for admission to membership by deposit of Transfer Card shall be \$1.00.

SEC. 4. The fee for the issuance of a Transfer Card shall be \$1.00.

SEC. 5. The fee for the issuance of a Withdrawal Card shall be \$1.00.

SEC. 6. The fee for the issuance of Traveling Shield shall be \$1.00.

SEC. 7. The fee for reinstatement of a former member, who was suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be \$12.00. (See Title IV, Chapter VIII, Sections 293-296 inclusive, Supreme Statutes.)

SEC. 8. The fee for each applicant must be paid in advance.

DUES.

(See Title IV, Chapter IV, Sections 257-258 Sup. Statutes.)

SEC. 9. Each member shall pay dues as follows: Members of each rank \$1.00 per month. (See Title IV, Chapter IV, Section 261, Supreme Statutes, and

Title III, Chapter VIII, Sections 336-337 Grand Statutes.)

SEC. 10. Assessments shall be levied upon each member as follows:

Upon the death of a member of the Page rank, 25 cents.

Upon the death of a member of Esquire rank, 50 cents.

Upon the death of a member of Knight rank, \$1.00.

(See relating to arrears and disabilities, Title IV, Chapter IV, Section 262, Supreme Statutes; Title III, Chapter X, Sections 351-354, Grand Statutes.)

ARTICLE VIII.

FINES.

(See Title III, Chapter III, Section 309, Grand Statutes.)

SECTION 1. A member of the Visiting Committee who neglects his duty shall be fined \$1.00.

A member of the Auditing Committee who neglects his duty shall be fined 50 cents.

A member of any other Committee who neglects his duty shall be fined \$1.00.

An officer who is absent at any regular or special convention shall be fined 50 cents, unless excused by Lodge.

SEC. 2. Excuses for absence or neglect of duty must be presented in open Lodge, orally or in writing. Absence from city, attendance upon the sick, burial of the dead, sickness of self or family, or services as witness or juror, shall be legal excuses. The Lodge may, however, accept any other excuse as sufficient.

ARTICLE IX.

FUNERALS.

Upon the death of a member in good standing it shall be the duty of the Chancellor Commander and other officers, unless otherwise requested by the

family, to make immediate preparations for the funeral, and as soon as possible notify every member of the Lodge residing in the county of time and place of such funeral, by mail or publishing in newspapers published in this city, or by posting notices in three public places in this city.

ARTICLE X.

FUNDS.

(See Title III, Chapter III, Sections 382-386 inclusive, Grand Statutes.)

SECTION 1. In addition to the General or Trust Fund there shall be a separate fund, to be known and distinguished as the special fund, which shall consist of such donations as may be made to it and the profits of any entertainment given by the Lodge, and may be used for the purpose of providing entertainments, or any other purposes which may reflect credit on the Order.

ARTICLE XI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(Upon signing the Roster of Knighthood, see Title II, Chapter VII, Section 328, Grand Statutes.)

SECTION 1. Each member shall give his address to the Keeper of Records and Seal, and shall notify him of every removal or change of address. The Keeper of Records and Seal shall enter such address and changes in a book provided by the Lodge for that purpose, and all notices required by the By-Laws which are mailed to a member at his last recorded address shall be considered sufficient and legal.

SEC. 2. No absent member can be elected or appointed to any position, except as a member of the Visiting Committee, unless he consents thereto.

SEC. 3. A member who is serving on two committees shall be excused from serving on any other

committee, but he cannot otherwise be excused without the consent of the Lodge.

SEC. 4. These By-Laws, amendments and repeals thereof shall be entered by the Keeper of Records and Seal in a book kept for that purpose.

SEC. 5. These By-Laws shall be adopted, amended, repealed and become operative as provided in Title III, Chapter XVI, Sections 404-408 inclusive, Grand Statutes.

We, your committee appointed by this Lodge to prepare and draft a set of By-Laws for the government of Coulterville Lodge, No 201, Knights of Pythias, do tender to such Lodge as our report, the foregoing proposed By-Laws.

Dated this 12th day of March, 1896.

W. C. FLOTO,
W. H. ROBERTS,
M. GILBERT,
T. B. MCCARTHY,
Committee on By-Laws.

Amended July, 1900.

DEAN W. PARK, K. of R. and S.
WM. H. BUNNEY, C. C.

